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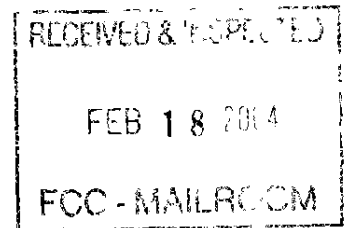
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Thursday, February 13, 2004



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RE: CC Docket No. 02-6
Request for Review of SLD Decision for E-Rate Funding Year 2003-2004
Billed Entity Number: 209096
471 Application Number: 361209
Funding Request Number: 1007096, 1007561

This letter serves as an appeal and a request for review to denial of funding for our original Form 471 application and denial of funding for our appeal through Schools and Libraries Division (SLD).

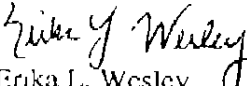
SLD's explanation for denying Funding Request Numbers 1007096 and 1007561 states that the information Academy of Excellence provided during the item 25 review was not sufficient to demonstrate, at the time we submitted our Form 471 application, we had secured access to funds.

Funding Request Number 1007561 was a request for reimbursement on Telecommunications Service. This is a Priority 1 Service and per SLD's instruction, does not even require a technology plan on file when filing the 471. Therefore, we are unclear how we could have provided additional detailed information regarding securing access to funds to pay for our portion of these telecommunications services. Telecommunication service is considered a Health & Safety issue and we are required to budget for these services in full each fiscal year. The line item for USFR coding was provided in our original letter of appeal. That USFR code built into our budget, approved by the Arizona Department of Education, is 1000-100-2400-6531.

Funding Request Number 1007096 was a request for reimbursement on Internet Access, also a Priority 1 service. This service is considered crucial and necessary to our daily operations and again, we are required to budget for these services in full each fiscal year. The line item for USFR coding was provided in our original letter of appeal. That USFR code built into our budget, approved by the Arizona Department of Education, is 1000-100-2400-6531.

Since these items are in our state approved budget and we have secured access to the funds required to pay for these services, we feel that FCC/SLD should re-consider their denial of the aforementioned funding request numbers.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.


Erika L. Wesley
Principal